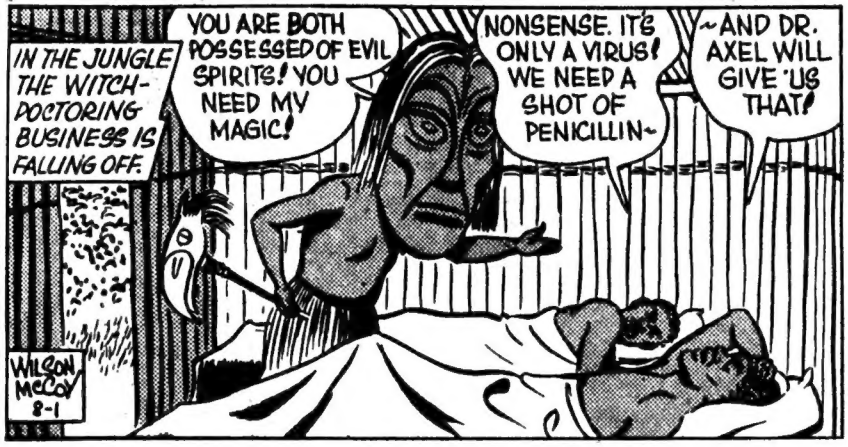
IN THE JUNGLE THE WITCH-DOCTORING BUSINESS IS FALLING OFF.
YOU ARE BOTH POSSESSED OF EVIL SPIRITS! YOU NEED MY MAGIC!
NONSENSE. IT'S ONLY A VIRUS! WE NEED A SHOT OF PENICILLIN~
~AND DR. AXEL WILL GIVE US THAT!
WILSON McCOY 8-1

YOUR BABY'S BEEN VOODOOED!
HMM~ DR. AXEL SAID IT WAS COLIC!

DOCTOR AXEL! HE'S RUINING US!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT HIM~ AT THE CONCLAVE!

BY NIGHT, WITCH DOCTORS FROM MANY TRIBES GATHER ATOP EERIE MT. WEERD.

WE ARE GATHERED TO DISCUSS DR. AXEL. IN THE OLD DAYS WE RULED OUR TRIBES!
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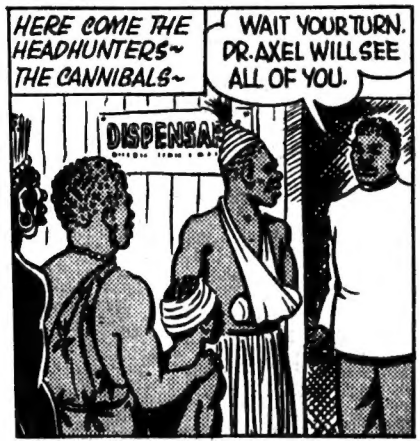
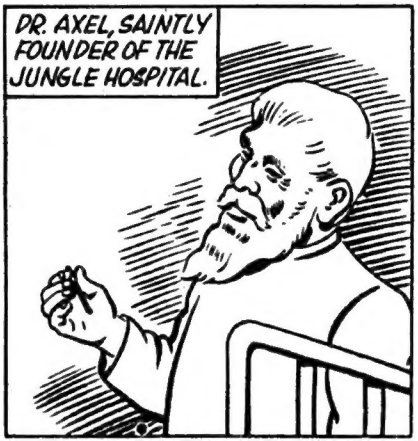
NOW THEY GO TO DR. AXEL AND HIS HOSPITAL! THEY NO LONGER FEAR US~ WE ARE LOSING.
WHAT WILL WE DO?
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE~ TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT DOCTOR AXEL! BLAST HIM!

IN THE CENTER OF THE JUNGLE ~THE HOSPITAL OF DR. AXEL.


HERE COME THE HEADHUNTERS~ THE CANNIBALS~
WAIT YOUR TURN. DR. AXEL WILL SEE ALL OF YOU.
DISPENSARY


DR. AXEL, SAINTLY FOUNDER OF THE JUNGLE HOSPITAL.

DOCTOR, THE PEOPLE BRING RUMORS THAT THE WITCH DOCTORS ARE ANGRY AT YOU~
BEEN HEARING THAT FOR YEARS. PAY NO ATTENTION.

I'M CONNIE SPRINGS. I'VE COME TO DO A FEATURE STORY ON DR. AXEL.
AT THE JUNGLE'S EDGE ~ JUNGLE PATROL H.Q.
WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE COMING.

HIS HOSPITAL IS IN THE INTERIOR-- SURROUNDED BY FIERCE TRIBES. HARDLY A SAFE ASSIGNMENT.
I'M NOT AFRAID. HOW DOES HE SURVIVE?

NO ONE KNOWS. HE'S BEEN OUT THERE FOR YEARS AND DONE WONDERFUL WORK. I'LL SEND A MAN TO TAKE YOU THERE.

THE JUNGLE'S NO PLACE FOR A LADY.
I'M NO LADY. I'M A NEWS-PAPER WOMAN.
HMM-- THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY.

THE JOURNALIST IS HERE TO SEE YOU, DR. AXEL.
OH, YES. I'LL BE RIGHT OUT.

YOU ARE THE JOURNALIST? I EXPECTED A MAN.
GIRLS CAN WRITE, TOO, DR. AXEL. I'M CONNIE SPRINGS.

WHAT IS THERE TO WRITE ABOUT ME? I'M ONLY A COUNTRY DOCTOR.
ONLY ~ IN A JUNGLE-- AMONG SAVAGES~!

--IN A HOSPITAL BUILT ALMOST WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.
DO NOT EXAGGERATE. THIS IS MY JOB-- EVEN THOUGH THE WITCH DOCTORS DISAGREE.

WE TREAT SEVERAL THOUSAND NATIVES EACH YEAR. I'M THE ONLY DOCTOR, BUT I'VE EXCELLENT NATIVE HELPERS.
WAS IT DIFFICULT GETTING THEM HERE?

AT FIRST~ MANY PROBLEMS. IT WORKED OUT.
HE MAKES ALL SOUND SO EASY! HE IS A GREAT MAN!

YOU MENTIONED THE WITCH DOCTORS. DO THEY GIVE YOU TROUBLE?
JUST TALK. THEY RESENT ME, BUT THEY'LL DO NOTHING.

FOR YEARS WE'VE TALKED! NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT! WE MUST STOP DR. AXEL BEFORE HE RUINS US

HOW DID YOU COME HERE AND START THIS JUNGLE HOSPITAL, DR. AXEL?
THAT WAS SO LONG AGO, YOUR READERS AREN'T INTERESTED.
OH, BUT THEY ARE--!
CAN YOU GO TO NUMBER 17, DOCTOR?
OF COURSE. EXCUSE ME.
"HOW DID I START THIS HOSPITAL?" WOULD ANYONE BELIEVE IT? HMM- FORTY YEARS- WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM--
"FORTY YEARS AGO- THE YOUNG FOOL--ME!"
YOUNG FOOL! AXEL, YOUR DRUNKENNESS ALMOST COST THAT PATIENT HIS LIFE!
I ONLY HAD-- (HIC) A FEW--
THE CHART, DR. AXEL.
EH-- YES-
THAT DAY FORTY YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS FIRED FROM THE TOWN HOSPITAL- DISGRACED- RUINED-
OLD DR. AXEL THINKS BACK-- FORTY YEARS-
DRINKING BEFORE AN OPERATION. YOU'LL NEVER WORK IN ANOTHER HOSPITAL AGAIN, AXEL!
"I WENT DOWNHILL FAST- BECAME A TRAMP- WANDERING IN THE JUNGLE."
MY LIFE FINISHED-
"I WAS AT THE END OF MY ROPE- WHEN I HEARD THE GUNFIRE-- AND FIRST SAW HIM!"
?
OLD DR. AXEL IS RECALLING 40 YEARS AGO- WHEN HE FIRST SAW--
-THE PHANTOM OF 40 YEARS AGO- FATHER OF THE PRESENT PHANTOM!
I'M TRAPPED-- THEY'RE ALL ABOUT ME-
WILSON, McCOY 8-10
THEY'RE FINISHED- AND SO AM I-
WHOEVER YOU ARE- GET WORD TO THE PYGMIES--THE BANDAR-
"WHO WAS THIS MIGHTY MASKED MAN? 'PHANTOM'- HE SAID--"
--TELL THEM- THE PHANTOM IS DYING--
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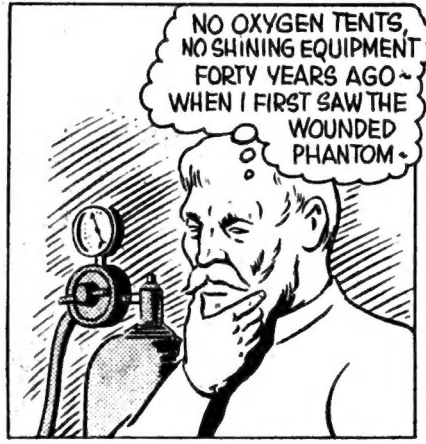

NO OXYGEN TENTS, NO SHINING EQUIPMENT FORTY YEARS AGO~ WHEN I FIRST SAW THE WOUNDED PHANTOM~

I AM~WAS~A DOCTOR. I'M A TRAMP NOW. ONLY ONE CHANCE TO SAVE YOU~ BY REMOVING THE-BULLET.
DO IT.

"NOT A SOUND FROM THE POWERFUL, WATCHING FIGURE~~"

"I FELT PROUD~I WAS A DOCTOR AGAIN!"
GOOD~ HE'S ASLEEP!

I WAS A DOCTOR~ DRINK RUINED ME~ I'M A TRAMP~
YOU SAVED MY LIFE. THE NATIVES NEED A DOCTOR~

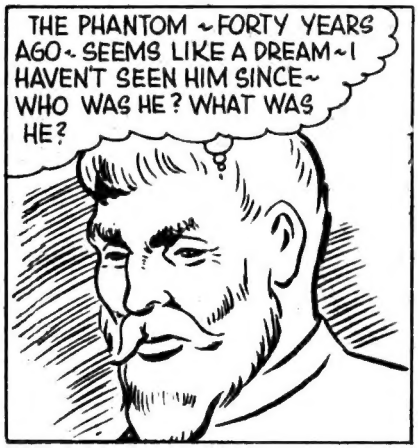
~AND A HOSPITAL. I'LL HELP YOU BUILD IT.
HOW CAN YOU TRUST ME? I TOLD YOU I FAILED.
WILSON McCOY 8-12

EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES. YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON.
I'VE NO MONEY. HOW CAN I BUILD A HOSPITAL HERE~SURROUNDED BY SAVAGE KILLERS?

"THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM~ 40 YEARS AGO."
YES, I CAN.
YOU CAN'T MOVE YET.
YOU'LL BE HELPED~ AND PROTECTED.

THE SKULL THRONE~ 40 YEARS AGO~
SEND WORD TO ALL TRIBES~TO FURNISH HELP AND MATERIAL SO DR. AXEL MAY BUILD HIS HOSPITAL.

SO THE HOSPITAL GREW IN THE JUNGLE~


THE PHANTOM ~FORTY YEARS AGO~ SEEMS LIKE A DREAM~I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE~ WHO WAS HE? WHAT WAS HE?

DR. AXEL, TELL ME HOW YOU STARTED THIS AMAZING HOSPITAL IN THE JUNGLE.
HMM~TOO LONG A STORY.
WHO'D BELIEVE IT?

AS USUAL, DR. AXEL MAKES HIS DAILY ROUNDS IN HIS JUNGLE HOSPITAL~~.

MEANWHILE, THE WITCHMEN CONFER.
IT IS TIME FOR ACTION.
DOCTOR AXEL AND HIS MEDICINES ARE RUINING US! OUR TRIBES NO LONGER FEAR US.

YOU, WITCHMAN OF THE LLONGO~GO TO THIS DOCTOR AXEL AND STEAL THREE HAIRS FROM HIS WHITE BEARD.
(GULP)~~ HOW, GREAT MOMBO?

WHILE HE SLEEPS, FOOL. BRING THEM HERE. WE WILL DESTROY THIS AXEL WITH OUR MAGIC!

I'M GETTING WONDERFUL MATERIAL FOR MY STORY ABOUT YOUR JUNGLE HOSPITAL, DR. AXEL.
I'M GLAD. SLEEP WELL, MY DEAR.

A LONG DAY~~ I'M TIRED~~ BZZZ~~

NIGHT~ AND THE WITCHMAN STEALS TOWARD THE SLEEPING HOSPITAL~
I'M TO GET THREE HAIRS FROM THE BEARD OF AXEL.
WILSON McCOY 8-16

~~WITH THEM, WE WILL DESTROY AXEL BY OUR JUNGLE MAGIC!

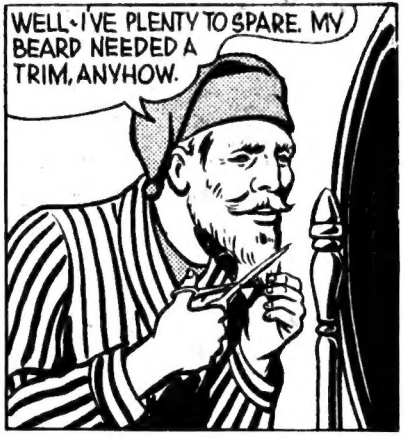
EEYI~~
AFTER 40 YEARS IN THE JUNGLE, DOCTOR AXEL SLEEPS LIGHTLY.
!

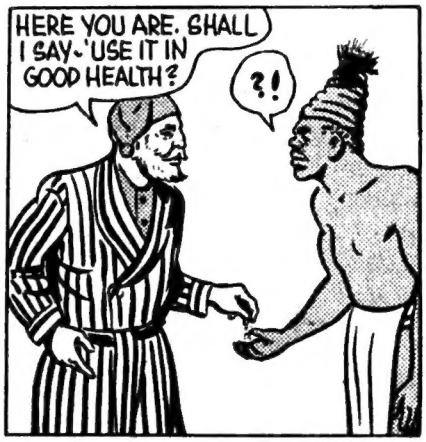
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
?
?!!

UH~~
YOU WITCHMAN!

HE IS LLONGO WITCHMAN~ COME TO KILL YOU!
NO~NO~NOT KILL. I CAME ONLY TO GET HAIR OF BEARD~
WILSON McCOY 8-17

YOU CAME ONLY TO GET HAIR FROM MY BEARD?
YES~TO KEEP AS SACRED OBJECT~FOR YOU ARE GREAT MAN, DR. AXEL.
HE LIES! HE COMES FOR HAIR TO MAKE VOODOO MAGIC AND DESTROY YOU!


WELL~I'VE PLENTY TO SPARE. MY BEARD NEEDED A TRIM, ANYHOW.


HERE YOU ARE. SHALL I SAY~'USE IT IN GOOD HEALTH?
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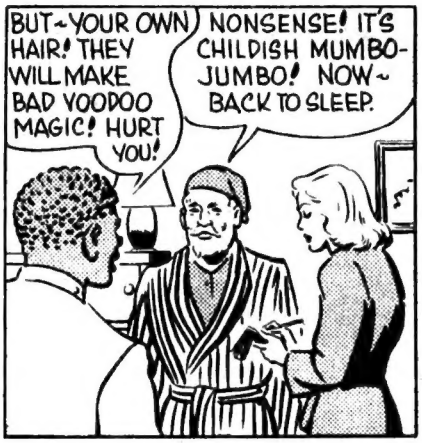
DR. AXEL~THAT WAS BAD MISTAKE~TO GIVE WITCHMAN YOUR HAIR~~
KOTO, HAVEN'T I TAUGHT YOU BETTER THAN THAT?


BUT~YOUR OWN HAIR! THEY WILL MAKE BAD VOODOO MAGIC! HURT YOU!
NONSENSE! IT'S CHILDISH MUMBO-JUMBO! NOW~BACK TO SLEEP.

I HAVE THE HAIR OF DR. AXEL~MUCH HAIR!
GOOD!

AT SUNRISE~WE WILL DESTROY THIS EVIL ONE WHO IS RUINING US! ONCE MORE WE WITCHMEN WILL RULE!

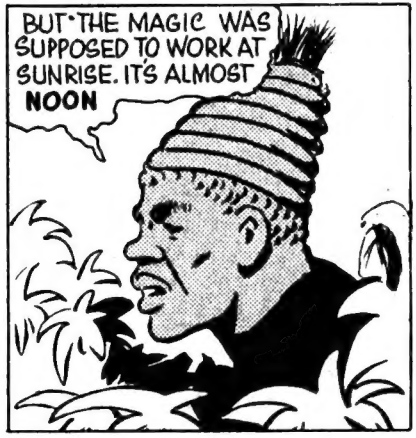
SUNRISE~AND DR. AXEL'S JUNGLE HOSPITAL BEGINS ANOTHER DAY~

DR. AXEL IS WATCHED AS HE STARTS HIS ROUNDS!

SUNRISE~THE APPOINTED HOUR! KUL-JKA~MOULA~BJENKA~ZISKJA. WITH THESE MAGIC WORDS~~
~~I DROP HIS HAIR INTO THE KETTLE! AS IT WITHERS AWAY~SO SHALL THE LIFE OF DR. AXEL!

BJENKA~ZIZKJA. BY NOW AXEL SHOULD BE DEAD! OUR MAGIC CANNOT FAIL!

HOW ARE YOU THIS MORNING, DR. AXEL?
NEVER FELT BETTER, CONNIE.


BUT THE MAGIC WAS SUPPOSED TO WORK AT SUNRISE. IT'S ALMOST NOON

IS HE DEAD?
NO! HE WALKS~HE SAYS HE NEVER FELT BETTER!

THE HAIR FAILED! WE NEED NAIL PARINGS!
NO~A WAX DOLL OF AXEL!
NO! THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL~MAGIC SPEARS!

GO TO AXEL'S ROOM. BRING US SOME PIECES OF HIS CLOTHES. DO NOT BE SEEN!
YES~~ MIGHTY MOMBO.

HMM~WHERE'S MY BLACK BELT? AND MY NIGHTCAP~AND ONE BEDROOM SLIPPER MISSING~STRANGE.

YOU ARE MISSING A SLIPPER~BELT~NIGHTCAP? THE WITCHMEN STOLE THEM! MORE VOODOO!
OH~IS THAT ALL? LET'S GO TO WORK.

ALL THIS VOODOO WOULD SCARE ME SILLY. IT DOESN'T BOTHER HIM.
DR. AXEL FEARS NOTHING. BUT I AM AFRAID FOR HIM.

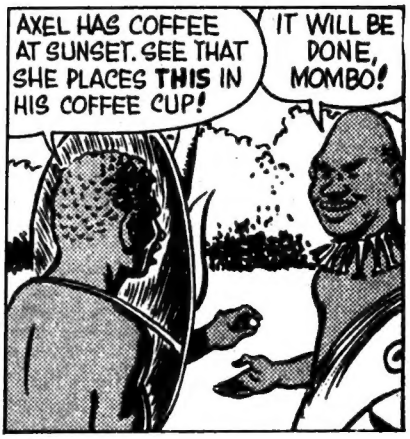
MEANWHILE THE WITCHMEN MAKE A CRUDE IMAGE OF DR. AXEL~~

AT SUNSET~WE WILL DESTROY HIM~WITH OUR GREATEST SPELL~THE MAGIC SPEARS!

THEY SAY~THE WITCHMEN WILL DESTROY DR. AXEL WITH MAGIC SPEARS~AT SUNSET~
IMPOSSIBLE!
WHO KNOWS.

THE RUMOR SPREADS FAST THRU THE JUNGLE~
WITCHMEN DESTROY DR. AXEL?
WITH MAGIC SPEARS!

THE MAGIC SPEARS NEED HELP. THIS TIME WE MUST NOT FAIL! WAMBESI WITCHMAN~A WAMBESI WOMAN WORKS IN AXEL'S KITCHEN~


AXEL HAS COFFEE AT SUNSET. SEE THAT SHE PLACES THIS IN HIS COFFEE CUP!
IT WILL BE DONE, MOMBO!

MORE RUMORS, DR. AXEL. THEY SAY THE WITCHMEN PLAN TO KILL YOU AT SUNSET~WITH MAGIC SPEARS!
CHILDISH NONSENSE.

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PSST.

YOU KNOW ME, WAMBESI WOMAN?
YES, MIGHTY WITCHMAN OF THE WAMBESI.

AT SUNSET, PUT A PINCH OF THIS IN DR. AXEL'S COFFEE. DO NOT FAIL~OR I WILL DESTROY YOU!

OUR WITCHMAN SAID I MUST PUT THIS INTO DR AXEL'S COFFEE~~

YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF THE WITCHMEN'S MAGIC SPEARS, DR. AXEL?
IT'S NONSENSE. AH~SUNSET~~ TIME FOR MY COFFEE.

IT IS DONE. SHE IS SERVING HIM THE COFFEE AT SUNSET, MOMBO.
GOOD! WE ARE READY!

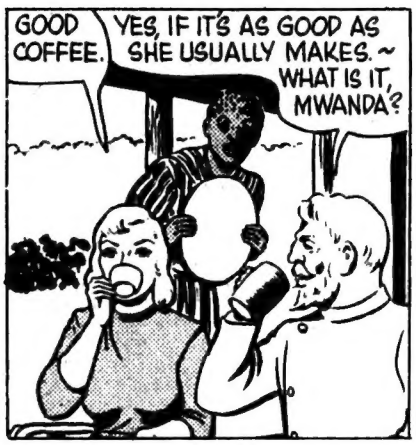
LET ALL THE TRIBES BE TOLD~~ AT SUNSET~WE DESTROY AXEL WITH OUR MAGIC SPEARS~ FROM FAR AWAY!

WE DIP OUR SPEARS INTO THE MAGIC BROTH~~
BRENKJA~~ LKONMA~~ DERNKNA~~

NOW~DIE~ENEMY OF ALL WITCHMEN~~DR.AXEL!
THEY HURL THEIR 'MAGIC' SPEARS AT THE DUMMY OF AXEL~~~

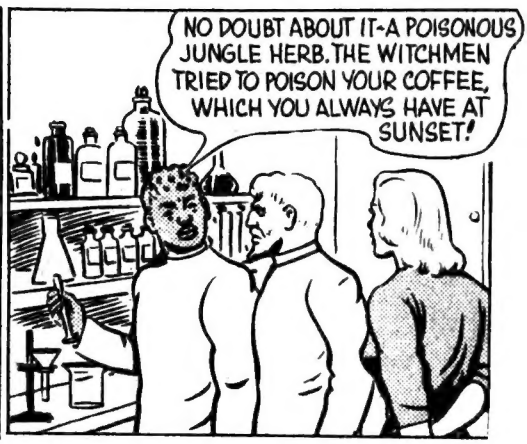
DEAD! DR.AXEL IS DEAD! SLAIN BY THE MAGIC SPEARS!

AT SUNSET~~
THE SMALL LADY-CUP IS FOR YOU. MY CUP IS THE BIG ONE. I AM SUCH A COFFEE DRINKER.


GOOD COFFEE.
YES, IF IT'S AS GOOD AS SHE USUALLY MAKES.~ WHAT IS IT, MWANDA?

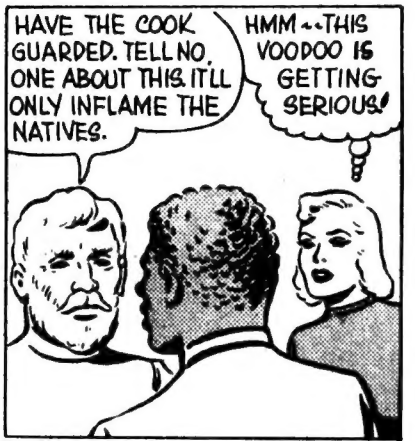
NO!

WHAT IS THIS?
COFFEE BAD!
HMM~WE'LL SOP UP SOME OF THAT AND ANALYZE IT!


NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-A POISONOUS JUNGLE HERB. THE WITCHMEN TRIED TO POISON YOUR COFFEE, WHICH YOU ALWAYS HAVE AT SUNSET!

SEE THEIR METHOD? THEY TELL THE JUNGLE DR.AXEL WILL DIE AT SUNSET BY THEIR "MAGIC" SPEARS PIERCING HIS DUMMY.

YOU DID PUT THE POWDER IN MY COFFEE, MWANDA?
I DID NOT WANT TO MY WITCHMAN SAY~WILL DESTROY ME IF I DISOBEY.


HAVE THE COOK GUARDED. TELL NO ONE ABOUT THIS. IT'LL ONLY INFLAME THE NATIVES.
HMM~~THIS VOODOO IS GETTING SERIOUS!

BUT DR. AXEL, YOU CAN'T LET THE WITCHMEN GET AWAY WITH THIS.
THIS IS THE JUNGLE, CONNIE. NO POLICEMEN TO CALL.

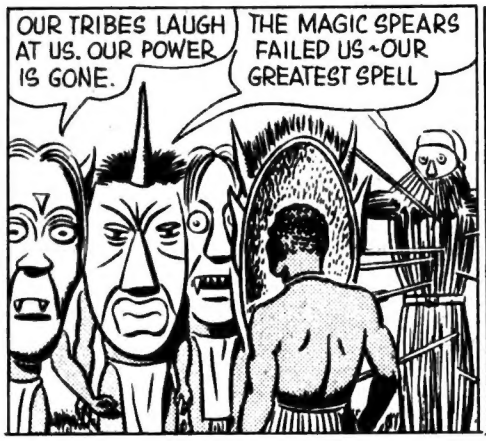
HOURS PAST SUNSET-- AND HE STILL LIVES!

AXEL IS NOW DEAD~ KILLED BY MAGIC SPEARS.
AND THE POWDER IN HIS COFFEE~

HE LIVES! THE MAGIC SPEARS FAILED!

ALL THE WITCHMEN WITH ALL THEIR MAGIC SPEARS COULDN'T KILL DR. AXEL! HE LIVES!

THE HAPPY NEWS SPREADS THRU THE JUNGLE.
THEY FAILED~EVEN WITH THEIR MAGIC SPEARS!
WITCH-MEN~AND MAGIC SPEARS~ALL SILLY!


OUR TRIBES LAUGH AT US. OUR POWER IS GONE.
THE MAGIC SPEARS FAILED US~OUR GREATEST SPELL

NO MORE SPELLS~NO MORE CHARMS! WE WILL DESTROY HIS EVIL HOSPITAL!

NO MORE SPELLS~WE WILL DESTROY AXEL'S HOSPITAL AT MIDNIGHT~ WITH FIRE!
FIRE!

"THE PHANTOM HAS EYES EVERY-WHERE"...NATIVE SAYING.
WHILE THEY USED FOOLISH SPELLS I WAS NOT AFRAID FOR DR. AXEL. BUT THIS IS BAD.

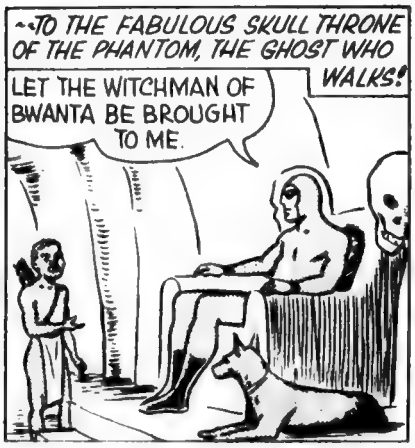
I MUST REPORT THIS AT ONCE TO THE PHANTOM!

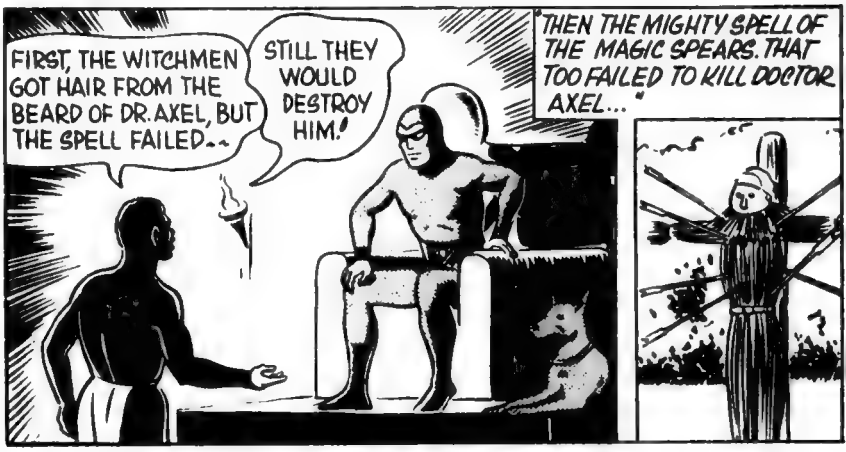
THEY SAY YOU'RE STRONGER THAN EVER, DR. AXEL THE JUNGLE'S LAUGHING AT THE WITCH-MEN
HMM~LAUGHTER IS DANGEROUS. MAKES MEN ANGRY.

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO APPROACH THE DEEP WOODS, BUT I MUST TELL THE PHANTOM ABOUT THE WITCH-MEN!

STOP. THIS IS BANDAR LAND.
I KNOW. I AM WITCHMAN OF BWANTA. I MUST SPEAK TO THE PHANTOM.

HE FOLLOWS THE DREADED PYGMY OVER TWISTING TRAILS - THEN UNDER A WATERFALL--

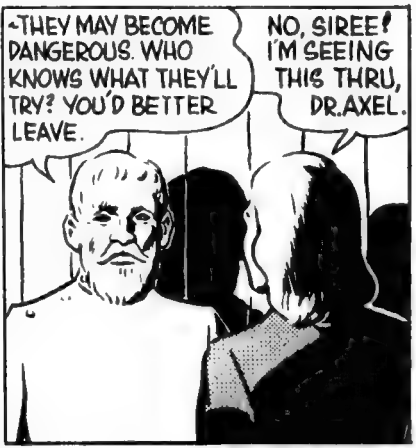

--TO THE FABULOUS SKULL THRONE OF THE PHANTOM, THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
LET THE WITCHMAN OF BWANTA BE BROUGHT TO ME.


FIRST, THE WITCHMEN GOT HAIR FROM THE BEARD OF DR. AXEL, BUT THE SPELL FAILED--
STILL THEY WOULD DESTROY HIM!
THEN THE MIGHTY SPELL OF THE MAGIC SPEARS. THAT TOO FAILED TO KILL DOCTOR AXEL...

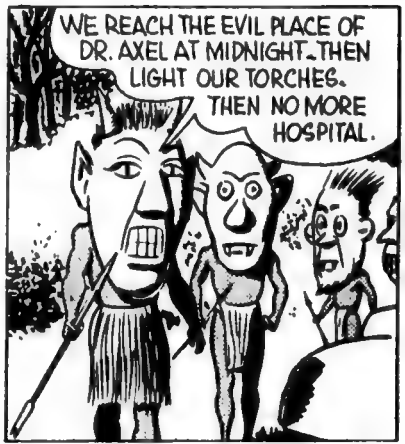
NOW, FORGETTING SPELLS, THEY PLAN TO BURN HIS HOSPITAL AT MIDNIGHT!
YOU ARE BRAVE TO TELL ME THIS.

MY FATHER, THE PHANTOM BEFORE ME, HELPED AXEL BUILD HIS HOSPITAL 40 YEARS AGO. I CAN'T LET HIS WORK BE STOPPED NOW.

THE WITCHMEN, THEY SAY, ARE FURIOUS BECAUSE THE JUNGLE IS LAUGHING AT THEM. THAT'S BAD.
I KNOW! WHEN MEN ARE MOCKED-


-THEY MAY BECOME DANGEROUS. WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'LL TRY? YOU'D BETTER LEAVE.
NO, SIREE! I'M SEEING THIS THRU, DR. AXEL.

YOU ARE A BRAVE GIRL, CONNIE, BUT GO WHILE YOU CAN. THIS IS NOT YOUR FIGHT.
IT IS NOW. I'M ON YOUR SIDE!


WE REACH THE EVIL PLACE OF DR. AXEL AT MIDNIGHT. THEN LIGHT OUR TORCHES.
THEN NO MORE HOSPITAL.

THE MOON RIDES HIGH! MIDNIGHT! LIGHT THE TORCHES!
HURRY~AS SOON AS YOUR TORCHES ARE LIGHTED, ON TO THE HOSPITAL OF DR. AXEL!

I THINK DR. AXEL'S WORRIED ABOUT THESE WITCHMEN NOW. THEY MAY DO SOMETHING DESPERATE TO REGAIN THEIR POWER~~

IT LOOKS SO PEACEFUL~
WHAT'S THAT? FIREFLIES? NO~TOO BIG! MASKED MEN~WITH TORCHES! RUNNING THIS WAY!

YES, CONNIE~ (YAWN)~~ WHAT IS IT?
I HATED TO AWAKEN YOU, DR. AXEL~BUT I SAW SOME MASKED MEN WITH TORCHES!

YOU CAN SEE THEM MORE CLEARLY NOW~IN THE MOONLIGHT!
MASKED WITCHMEN! COMING~TO BURN THE HOSPITAL~!

THEY CAN'T DO THAT~WITH ALL THESE PATIENTS HERE! KOTO!

BURN THE HOSPITAL! BURN THE EVIL PLACE OF AXEL!
BURN~~ BURN~~ BURN!!

DR. AXEL! MY JEEP'S IN THE BACK! HURRY! WE CAN STILL GET AWAY!
THEY CAN'T BURN MY HOSPITAL! THIS IS OUR ONLY GUN~

KOTO! THE WITCHMEN ARE COMING WITH FIRE! GET THE PATIENTS OUT!
LET THOSE WHO CAN WALK HELP THE BED CASES!

ONE MAN~ONE GUN~ AGAINST DOZENS~~ YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE! PLEASE COME~~
NO~RUN TO YOUR JEEP, GIRL!

BURN!
BURN!
BURN!

AS THE WITCHMEN CHARGE DR. AXEL'S JUNGLE HOSPITAL-
BURN!
BURN!

SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE BUSHES-THE MYSTERIOUS, DREADED BANDAR-THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE!
BANDAR!
BANDAR!

HERE THEY COME-- HOWLING-! SO MANY--!
I'LL GET AT LEAST ONE- YOU SHOULD HAVE RUN-TOO LATE NOW- POOR GIRL--

THE PYGMIES STOP THE RUSHING WITCHMEN--
GO BACK, WITCHMEN!
GO BACK WITH YOUR FIRE-OR YOU DIE!
BANDAR!
BANDAR!

THE WITCHMEN RUN--AS ALL SENSIBLE JUNGLE PEOPLE DO AT THE SIGHT OF THE BANDAR!

I CAN HARDLY SEE, BUT THE WITCHMEN ARE RUNNING AWAY! WHO ARE THE LITTLE MEN--?
THE PYGMIES! WHY--DID THEY COME?

THE PYGMIES WATCH AS THE TERRIFIED WITCHMEN FLEE BACK INTO THE JUNGLE-

-THEN THEY DISAPPEAR AS SILENTLY AS THEY CAME.

THE PYGMIES SAVED US FROM THE WITCHMEN- BUT WHY DID THEY COME? THEY ALONE IN THE JUNGLE NEVER COME HERE.

AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE PYGMIES ARE THE LEGIONS OF THE PHANTOM. HE SENT THEM- THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

WHO IS THIS PHANTOM? REAL OR SPOOK?
GO TO BED, GIRL REPORTER. YOU ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS. WE NEED SLEEP.

COULD IT BE THE SAME PHANTOM I SAVED 40 YEARS AGO--? BUT HE WAS MUCH OLDER THAN I WAS THEN--

WE SAW THE WITCHMEN. THEY SAW US. THEY RAN.
I CAN IMAGINE. GOOD WORK.

THANK YOU, BWANTA WITCHMAN, FOR WARNING ME ABOUT THEM. ALL'S WELL AGAIN FOR THE GOOD DOCTOR AND HIS HOSPITAL.
ALL'S WELL?

THE ROUTED WITCHMEN RETURN TO THEIR HIDE-OUT
HOW DID THE BANDAR COME TO THE HOSPITAL OF AXEL?
THE PHANTOM SENT THEM.

HOW DID THE PHANTOM KNOW OUR PLANS?
BECAUSE THERE WAS A SPY AMONG US WHO TOLD HIM-- LOOK

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THIS IS THE SPY~HE LEFT EARLY~ BWANTA!
KILL!
WAIT~WE'LL DEAL WITH HIM LATER!

YOUR SILLY SPELLS FAILED AGAINST DR. AXEL~
FAKER!

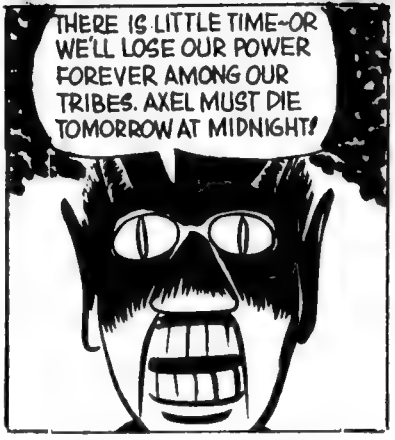
NEVER COME BACK!
RAN LIKE RABBITS FROM THE BANDAR! ALL WITCHMEN ARE FOOLS

FURIOUS, THE WITCHMEN GATHER~
WE ARE ALL DISGRACED~ WE HAVE LOST OUR POWER--
OUR TRIBES MOCK US~ DRIVE US AWAY~

THIS WILL END. OUR POWER WILL RETURN WHEN AXEL IS DESTROYED!
NOT ONLY HIS HOSPITAL~BUT HIM! WE WILL KILL AXEL!

THE WITCHMEN CONFER.
WE MUST KILL DR. AXEL!
NO, MOMBO. THE PHANTOM WILL SEND THE PYGMY BANDAR AGAINST US!

THE PHANTOM WILL NOT KNOW~ WE HAVE HIS SPY BWANTA~WHO WILL DIE WITH AXEL!


THERE IS LITTLE TIME~OR WE'LL LOSE OUR POWER FOREVER AMONG OUR TRIBES. AXEL MUST DIE TOMORROW AT MIDNIGHT!

WHAT A STORY! WITCHMEN AGAINST PHYSICIAN! THANK GOODNESS IT'S ENDED HAPPILY!

DR. AXEL, WHO IS THE PHANTOM WHO SENT THE PYGMIES?
HMM~FORTY YEARS AGO I KNEW A MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE PHANTOM~

HE COULD NO LONGER BE ALIVE, YET THE NATIVES SAY THE PHANTOM IS IMMORTAL~HAS LIVED FOR CENTURIES~"THE GHOST WHO WALKS"~

AS A DOCTOR, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT~YET IN THIS JUNGLE THERE ARE STRANGE THINGS.

WHAT A STORY HE'D MAKE. HOW CAN HE BE FOUND, DR. AXEL?
THE NATIVES SAY YOU DON'T FIND HIM. HE FINDS YOU. JUST CALL HIM.

GOOD NIGHT, DR. AXEL. AT LEAST WE CAN SLEEP WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT WITCHMEN.
GOOD NIGHT, CONNIE.

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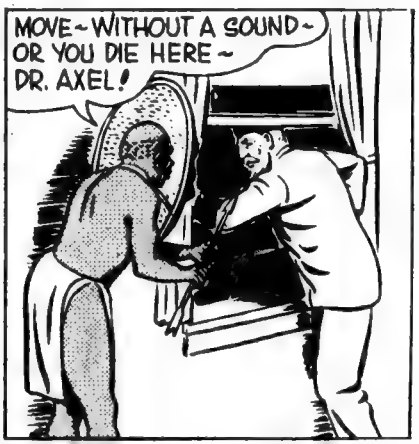
MOVE~WITHOUT A SOUND~OR YOU DIE HERE~DR. AXEL!

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THE WITCHMEN ARE HERE~ HELP~HELP~ STOP THEM!

MASKED WITCHMEN~ KIDNAPPING POOR DR. AXEL! THIS CAN'T BE REAL!

IT'S REAL!

THE WITCHMEN KIDNAPPED DR. AXEL. WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!
HOW CAN WE?
WHAT CAN WE DO?

ALL JUNGLE-FOLK FEAR THE WITCH-MEN. THEY ARE TOO POWERFUL.
NO ONE DARES GO NEAR THEM. IT IS HOPELESS...

WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE! WE MUST TRY TO SAVE HIM! THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO'S NOT AFRAID OF THEM~! THE PHANTOM!

WHO IS HE? WHERE CAN I FIND HIM? NOW!
HE IS GHOST WHO WALKS EVERYWHERE. NOWHERE.

AS THE WITCHMEN RUSH DR. AXEL TO THEIR HIDE-OUT...
FOOLISH MEN, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU'LL KNOW SOON.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, DR. AXEL!
BUT I'VE DONE NOTHING AGAINST YOU!

HOW CAN I FIND THE PHANTOM TO SAVE DR. AXEL?
YOU DON'T FIND HIM. HE FINDS YOU. JUST CALL HIM.

PHANTOM~WE NEED YOU~PHANTOM
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WITCHMEN, YOU ARE STUPID TO FIGHT ME. MY HOSPITAL IS FOR ALL JUNGLE-FOLK.
YOU RUIN US AMONG OUR PEOPLE, AXEL! THEY BELIEVE YOUR MEDICINE~NOT OURS!
THEY MOCK US~~ WHEN YOU DIE, OUR POWER RETURNS!

THIS TRAITOR~BWANTA, WHO WAS ONE OF US~DIES WITH YOU. THE PHANTOM WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL TOO LATE!

THIS SEEMS HOPELESS, JUST CALLING~~WHO WILL HEAR ME?
PHANTOM! PHANTOM!
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THE WITCHMEN WILL KILL DR. AXEL THIS NIGHT~~
THE WORD SPREADS THRU THE JUNGLE~
THEN THEY'LL RETURN WITH THEIR EVIL POWERS.

IF ONLY THE PHANTOM KNEW~~
THE WITCHMEN WOULD KILL ANYONE WHO DARES TELL HIM~~ WHO'D RISK HIS LIFE?

THE PHANTOM WILL NOT HEAR ABOUT US~UNTIL TOO LATE~HE IS SO DEEP IN THE JUNGLE, NO ONE DARES GO TO HIM~

BUT ONE DARES.
I FEEL LIKE A FOOL~RIDING THRU THE JUNGLE, YELLING INTO THE EMPTY AIR~BUT I MUST~~
PHANTOM~ PHANTOM!
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PHANTOM~ PHANTOM~
OLD JUNGLE SAYING! "CALL THE PHANTOM ANYWHERE, AND HE WILL HEAR"

GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
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THE MESSAGE THROBS FROM TOM-TOM TO TOM-TOM THRU THE JUNGLE~~
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
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EVEN THE WITCHMEN HEAR ON MT. WEERD~
GIRL CALLS PHANTOM

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THAT IS THE GIRL WHO TRIED TO SAVE AXEL. FIND HER. DESTROY HER!
NO~NOT THE GIRL!

GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
LISTEN~THE SOUND OF A MOTOR ON THE BIG PATH. THAT IS THE GIRL!

PHANTOM~ PHANTOM~

GIRL CALLS PHANTOM
GIRL CALLS PHAN
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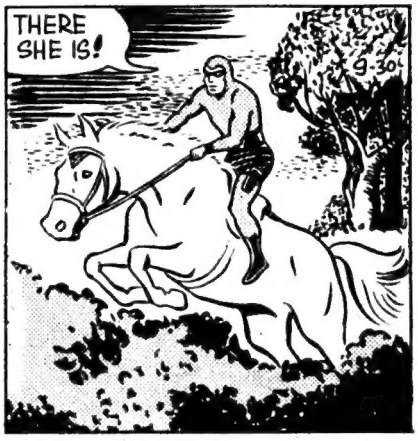
I'VE CALLED AND CALLED FOR THE PHANTOM~I GIVE UP~OH!

WITCHMEN! NO~NO!

YOU TRY TO CALL PHANTOM~~ TO SAVE AXEL. YOU MUST DIE! NOW!


THERE SHE IS!
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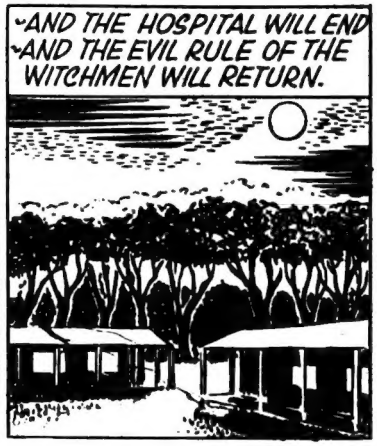
WHY DID YOU CALL ME?
YOU~ARE THE PHANTOM?! I CALLED~YOU CAME JUST AS THEY SAID YOU WOULD! IT'S UNCANNY!

THE WITCHMEN KIDNAPPED DR. AXEL~THEY PLAN TO KILL HIM TONIGHT~ MIDNIGHT!
RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL~LOCK YOURSELF IN~

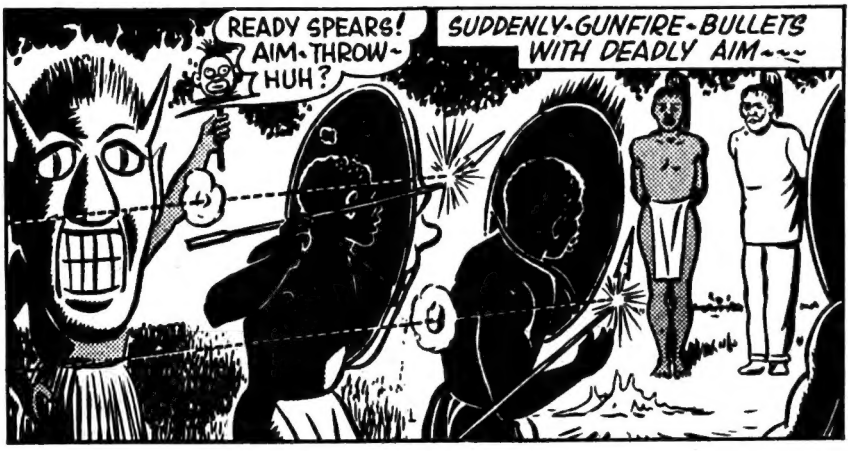
GONE~AS SUDDENLY AS HE CAME~! WAS THAT THE GHOST WHO WALKS? CAN HE SAVE DR. AXEL?

MIDNIGHT---THE JUNGLE HOLDS ITS BREATH AT MIDNIGHT- THE WITCHMEN WILL KILL DR. AXEL--


-AND THE HOSPITAL WILL END -AND THE EVIL RULE OF THE WITCHMEN WILL RETURN.

MIDNIGHT-ON MT. WEERD, HIDEOUT OF THE WITCHMEN!

MIDNIGHT! RAISE YOUR SPEARS-


READY SPEARS! AIM-THROW- HUH?
SUDDENLY-GUNFIRE-BULLETS WITH DEADLY AIM---

OUT OF NOWHERE, GUNS SPITTING- THE PHANTOM!

THE PHANTOM-HE DARES COME HERE! OUR LAST CHANCE-KILL HIM!
KILL HIM!

AS THE FURIOUS WITCH-MEN FACE THE PHANTOM, HE DIVES AT THEM-

THE PHANTOM IS IN A RAGE-HIS IRON FISTS DART LIKE TRIP-HAMMERS-

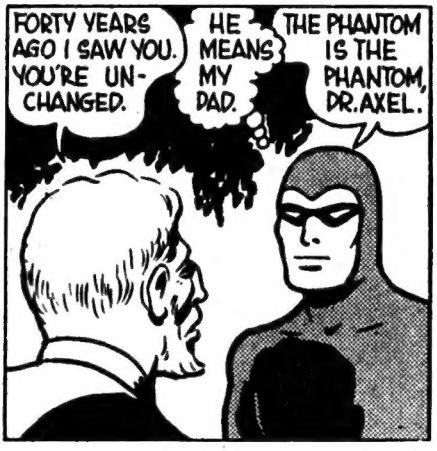
"WHEN THE PHANTOM IS ANGRY, LET THE TIGER BEWARE!"
OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

ONE MAN-AGAINST THAT MOB! AND HE'S ROUTING THEM!
ONLY ONE GHOST WHO WALKS!

THE ROUTED WITCH-MEN-THOSE WHO CAN STILL WALK-TRY TO FLEE-

BUT THE DEADLY PYGMIES APPEAR AMONG THE ROCKS TO STOP THEM!

THAT WAS CLOSE! IF YOU'D COME A MOMENT LATER-I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! ONE MAN AGAINST ALL OF THEM!


FORTY YEARS AGO I SAW YOU. YOU'RE UN-CHANGED.
HE MEANS MY DAD.
THE PHANTOM IS THE PHANTOM, DR. AXEL.

A RARE OCCASION: THE CHIEFS OF THE JUNGLE ENTER THE DEEP WOODS, WATCHED BY THE PYGMY BANDAR.
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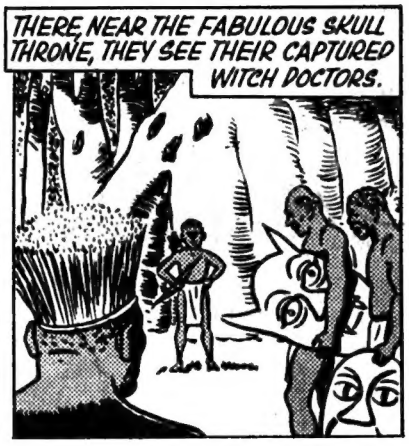
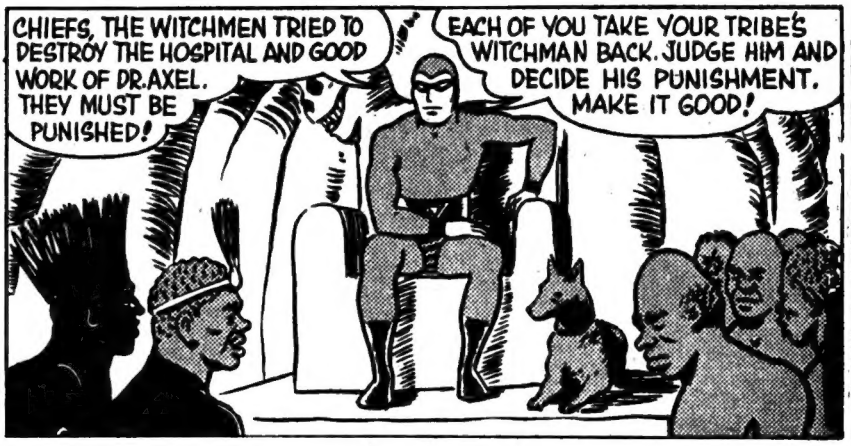

THERE, NEAR THE FABULOUS SKULL THRONE, THEY SEE THEIR CAPTURED WITCH DOCTORS.


CHIEFS, THE WITCHMEN TRIED TO DESTROY THE HOSPITAL AND GOOD WORK OF DR. AXEL. THEY MUST BE PUNISHED!
EACH OF YOU TAKE YOUR TRIBE'S WITCHMAN BACK. JUDGE HIM AND DECIDE HIS PUNISHMENT. MAKE IT GOOD!

MOMBO, FOR YOUR CRIME AGAINST DOCTOR AXEL AND HIS HOSPITAL, YOU WILL SERVE TWENTY YEARS AT HARD LABOR.

ALL THE WITCHMEN HAVE BEEN PUNISHED, DR. AXEL. YOUR HOSPITAL CAN GO ON. WHAT A STORY!
I OWE YOU A LOT FOR FINDING THE PHANTOM.

HE IS THE BIGGEST STORY! WHO-OR WHAT IS HE?
WE'LL NEVER KNOW-UNLESS HE TELLS US-- WHICH HE WON'T.

THE PERIL OF THE WITCHMEN ENDED, DR. AXEL'S JUNGLE HOSPITAL GOES ON WITH ITS FINE WORK.